

# ILLINOIS WEATHER & CROPS



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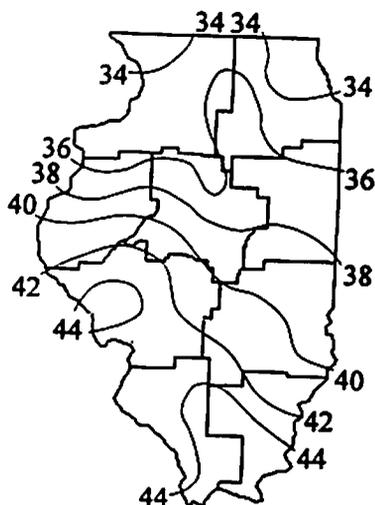
## Agricultural Summary

Days suitable for fieldwork varied widely across the state with an average of 1.70 days. The West District averaged 4.5 days suitable for fieldwork, the most in the state. Snow, rain and some hail in the northern portion of the state limited fieldwork and soggy and cold conditions in the southern areas also limited fieldwork. Farmers in the northern and southern portions of the state were limited to machinery preparations or repairs and transporting grain as road conditions allowed. Districts in the central portion of the state reported that while enduring some rains, farmers enjoyed milder temperatures, greening pastures, budding fruit trees and were able to get into the fields and plow and apply fertilizers. The topsoil moisture statewide was rated 11 percent short, 59 percent adequate and 30 percent surplus.

### Crop Progress

Crop Stage	: 2002	: 2001	: 5-Year Average
April 7			
<b>CORN:</b>			
Planted	1/	1	2
<b>OATS:</b>			
Planted	39	37	50

1/ Less than one percent.



4-inch Soil Temperature (°F)  
April 7

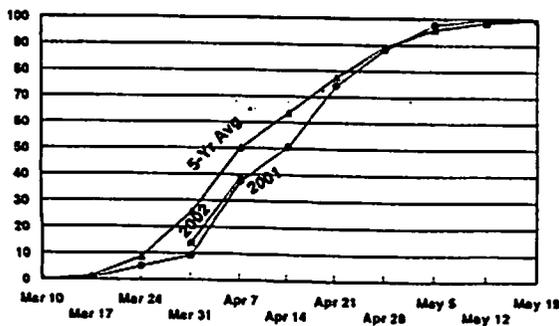
**Crop Conditions**

Crop	: Very Poor	: Poor	: Fair	: Good	: Excellent
	April 5				
Winter Wheat	-	3	27	52	18
Alfalfa	-	1	31	62	6
Pasture	1	6	35	52	6

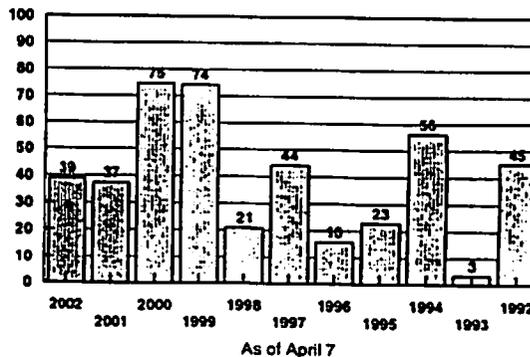
**Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork Table**

District	Days Suitable	Topsoil Moisture			
	for Fieldwork	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	March 30 - April 5		April 5		
Northwest	1.2	1	21	70	8
Northeast	0.5	-	5	90	5
West	4.5	1	25	69	5
Central	1.6	-	5	72	23
East	1.3	-	21	53	26
W. Southwest	3.4	-	4	85	11
E. Southeast	0.6	-	-	30	70
Southwest	1.0	-	-	22	78
Southeast	0.4	-	-	13	87
State	1.7	-	11	59	30

**Oats - Percent Seeded**  
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**Weather Information Table**

Location	Maximum	Temperature Minimum	Departure	Precipitation	Growing Degree Days
<b>April 1 - 7</b>					
<b>Northwest:</b>					
Freeport	49	21	-10	0.32	0
Kewanee	53	21	-12	1.00	0
Moline	54	21	-11	1.10	0
Mount Carroll	50	19	-9	0.78	0
Paw Paw	46	22	-10	0.47	0
Rochelle	47	22	-12	0.24	0
Rockford	48	20	-10	0.28	0
<b>Northeast:</b>					
Aurora	46	21	-10	0.34	0
Chicago	47	24	-10	0.28	0
Lake Villa	44	22	-10	0.44	0
McHenry	47	19	-10	0.29	0
Morris	48	22	-10	0.76	0
Ottawa	51	20	-11	1.20	0
Park Forest	52	23	-9	0.79	0
<b>West:</b>					
Galesburg	55	21	-11	0.42	0
Prairie City	60	18	-11	0.25	0
Quincy	70	20	-8	0.04	4
<b>Central:</b>					
Bloomington	58	23	-12	0.13	0
Decatur	62	22	-8	0.03	0
Havana	61	19	-12	0.18	0
Lincoln	58	20	-12	0.02	0
Peoria	57	23	-10	0.28	0
<b>East:</b>					
Champaign	62	22	-9	0.02	1
Pontiac	52	24	-11	0.60	0
<b>West Southwest:</b>					
Carlinville	63	24	-9	0.04	0
Morrisonville	60	24	-11	0.00	0
Springfield	61	23	-8	0.00	7
<b>East Southeast:</b>					
Effingham	66	23	-8	0.00	0
Flora	68	23	-8	0.10	8
Hutsonville	66	28	-9	0.21	0
Iuka	67	22	-10	0.09	0
Newton	66	25	-9	0.24	0
Paris	64	24	-10	0.11	0
Windsor	63	25	-8	0.00	3
<b>Southwest:</b>					
Carbondale	75	28	-6	0.14	14
Lebanon	66	26	-10	0.07	2
Steeleville	67	27	-10	0.08	5
<b>Southeast:</b>					
Benton	76	26	-7	0.36	9
Grayville	69	26	-10	0.19	3
Mt Vernon	67	24	-8	0.28	0

Data is for the weekly period that ends on Sunday at 8:00 a.m.  
 Departure is from the overall average for the week during the 1961-90 period.

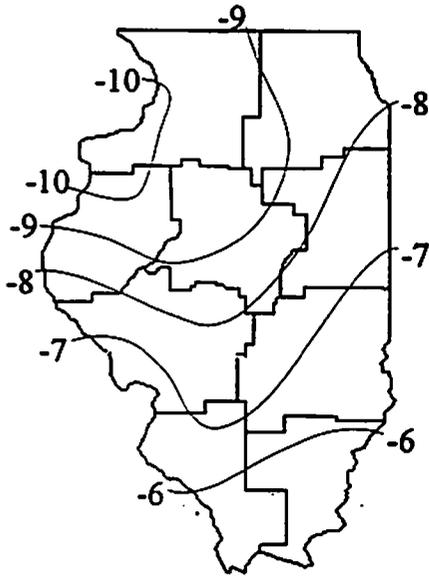
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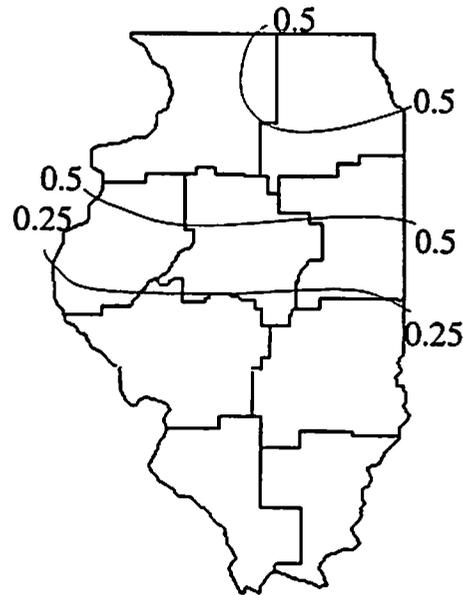
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Temperature (°F) Departure  
April 1 - 7



Precipitation (in.) Total  
April 1 - 7

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